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South Dorchester Bank

Architectural Survey File

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South Dorchester Bank
Wingate
c. 1914

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build banks as well as houses, barns and other outbuildings, commercial buildings, churches as well foundations. By 1910 more than a thousand companies across the United States were producing concrete blocks. Both the Wingate and East New Market buildings were enhanced with bold modillion block cornices.

The Eastern Shore Trust Company was later subsumed into the County Trust Company of Maryland, and the banks in Wingate and East New Market functioned until the 1940s. The South Dorchester Bank was sold by the County Trust Company to a private owner in 1944. In conversion to a dwelling a single-story frame addition was erected on the back of the bank.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic South Dorchester Bank

other

2. Location

street and number 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road not for publication

city, town Wingate vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anthony Louis Simone, Jr.

street and number 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road telephone

city, town Wingate state MD zip code 21675

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 322 folio 290

city, town Cambridge tax map 102 tax parcel 76 tax ID number 10-003172

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
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		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The former South Dorchester Bank building, converted to a residence during the mid twentieth century, is located at 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road in the community of Wingate in Straits Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, rusticated block bank building, built around 1914, is a rectangular structure capped by a steeply pitched hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. The edge of the hip roof is finished with a block cornice. The building faces southwest with the hip roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. The interior retains a paneled wainscoting around the perimeter of the front room, and the room also survives with a pressed metal ceiling.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The South Dorchester Bank building, converted to a residence during the mid twentieth century, stands at 2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road in the Straits Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1914, the rusticated or rock-faced block bank building is a rectangular structure that faces southwest with a steeply pitched hip roof of asphalt shingles oriented on northeast/southwest axis. The concrete block bank building is extended to the rear by a mid twentieth century single-story frame addition.

The southwest (main) elevation is a narrow three-bay façade with a center, double-door entrance and flanking single-pane windows featuring poured concrete lintels and sills. The window units are mid twentieth century replacements and are smaller than the original windows with a separate transom window. Originally, metal bars covered each of the window openings. The double doors are replacements as well but are in keeping with the early twentieth century date of the building. A transom above the double doors has been blocked up. Fixed in the concrete block adjacent to the door opening is a U.S. Geodetic Survey medallion dated 1942. Stretching across the base of the roof is a boxed cornice embellished with a series of console shaped blocks.

The northwest and southeast sides are largely alike and each wall is defined by three evenly spaced window units closed down to a smaller sized window unit. Each of the openings have concrete lintels and sills. The console block cornice stretches across the length of the roof.

The northeast (rear) wall is partially covered by a mid twentieth century frame addition covered with asbestos Shingles and a medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The interior of the front room has not been altered and it retains a vertical paneled wainscoting around the perimeter of the room, and the pressed metal ceiling survives as well. Hanging from the center of the ceiling is an early twentieth century frosted glass globe light hanging on a long chain.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates c. 1914

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, WLR 6/339, 11 August 1913, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

² Pamela H. Simpson, *Quick, Cheap & Easy: Imitative Architectural Materials, 1870-1930*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, p. 16.

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banks in Wingate and East New Market functioned until the 1940s. The South Dorchester Bank was sold by the County Trust Company to a private owner in 1944.³ In conversion to a dwelling a single-story frame addition was erected on the back of the bank building.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 50/276, 25 September 1944, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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2333 Wingate-Bishops Head Road
Wingate, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 102, Parcel 76

MLB 322/290 Elmer T. Neisser and Juanita M. Neisser

to

6.23.1995 Anthony Louis Simone, Jr.

244/899 Henry G. Bory and Agnes V. Bory, Baltimore

to

6.5.1987 Elmer T. Neisser and Juanita M. Neisser, Pasadena, Md.

PLC 213/359 Anna Louise Nettleship

to

1.28.1980 Henry G. Bory and Agnes V. Bory

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PLC 207/182

Anna Louise Nettleship, Personal Representative of
Alvin E. Nettleship

to

10.18.1978

Anna Louise Nettleship

PLC 125/383

Helen Hochman

to

10.12.1961

Alvin E. Nettleship and Goldie V. Nettleship

PLC 125/381

Alvin E. Nettleship and Goldie Nettleship

to

10.12.1961

Helen Hochman

RSM 50/276

County Trust Company of Maryland, Successor of the Eastern
Shore Trust Company

to

9.25.1944

Alvin E. Nettleship

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WLR 6/339

Charles M. M. Wingate and Cora A. Wingate his wife, Phillips L. Goldsborough, William F. Applegarth, Sewell M. Moore, Edward S. Phillips, Edgar A. P. Jones and John T. Moore, all of Dorchester County, Maryland and Isabel B. Robinson of Washington, D.C.

to

8.11.1913

The Eastern Shore Trust Company

Whereas the said Charles M. M. Wingate has sold the land hereinafter described and conveyed unto the Eastern Shore Trust Company, a corporation duly incorporated by the General Assembly of Maryland, at its January Session, A.D. 1900 (Chapter 351), the principal office of which is located in Dorchester County, Maryland, at the sum of fifty dollars, and Whereas the said William F. Applegarth, on June 18th, 1908, reserved a judgment against said Charles M. M. Wingate and others for the sum of four hundred and sixty nine dollars and sixty five cents in Circuit Court for Dorchester County, said judgment being Number 36 Appearances April Term 1908, and is a lien upon the land hereinafter described and conveyed...

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Interview with Tony Simone, 10.18.2013

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.48 acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Honga, Maryland Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10.18.2013
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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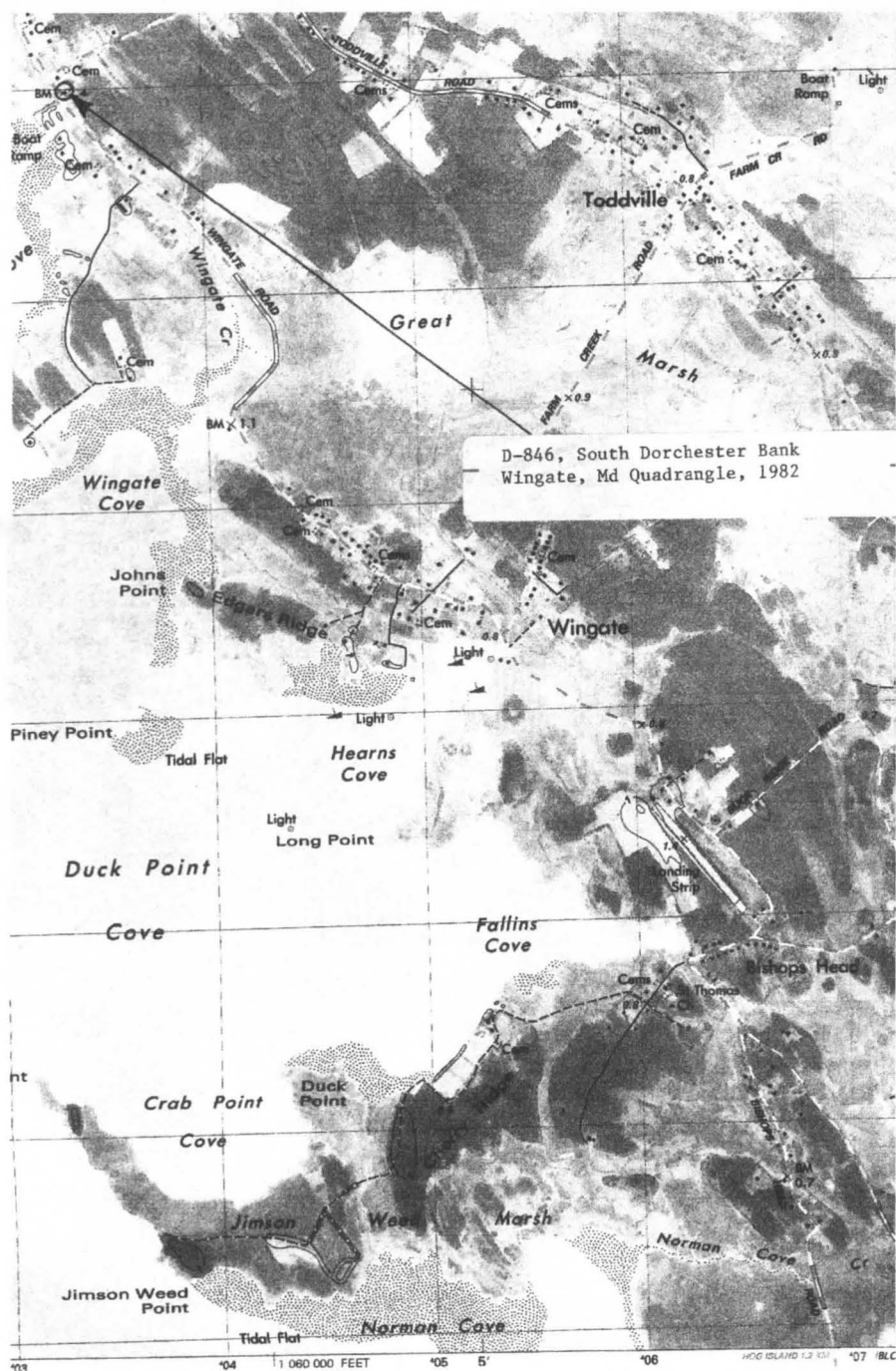
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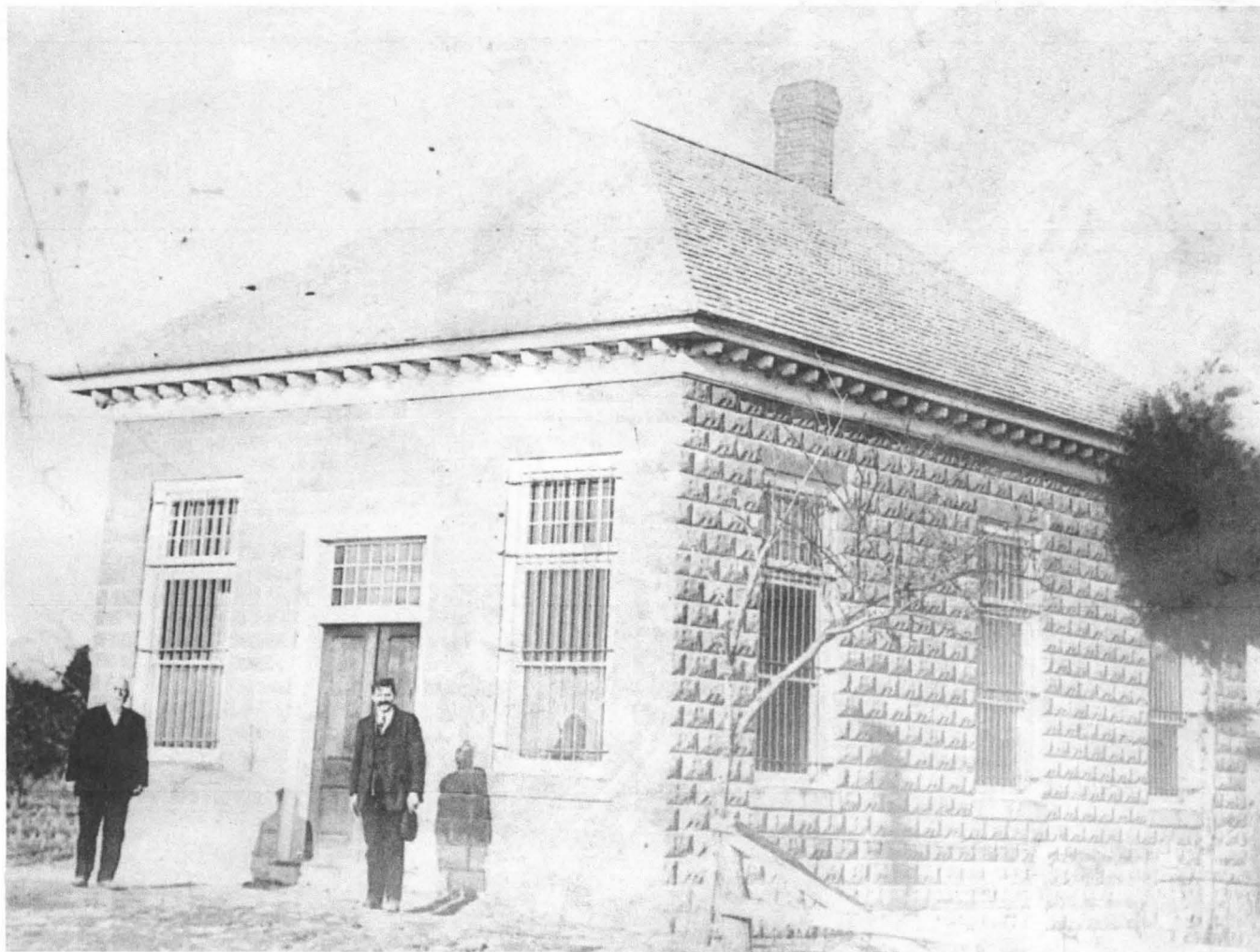


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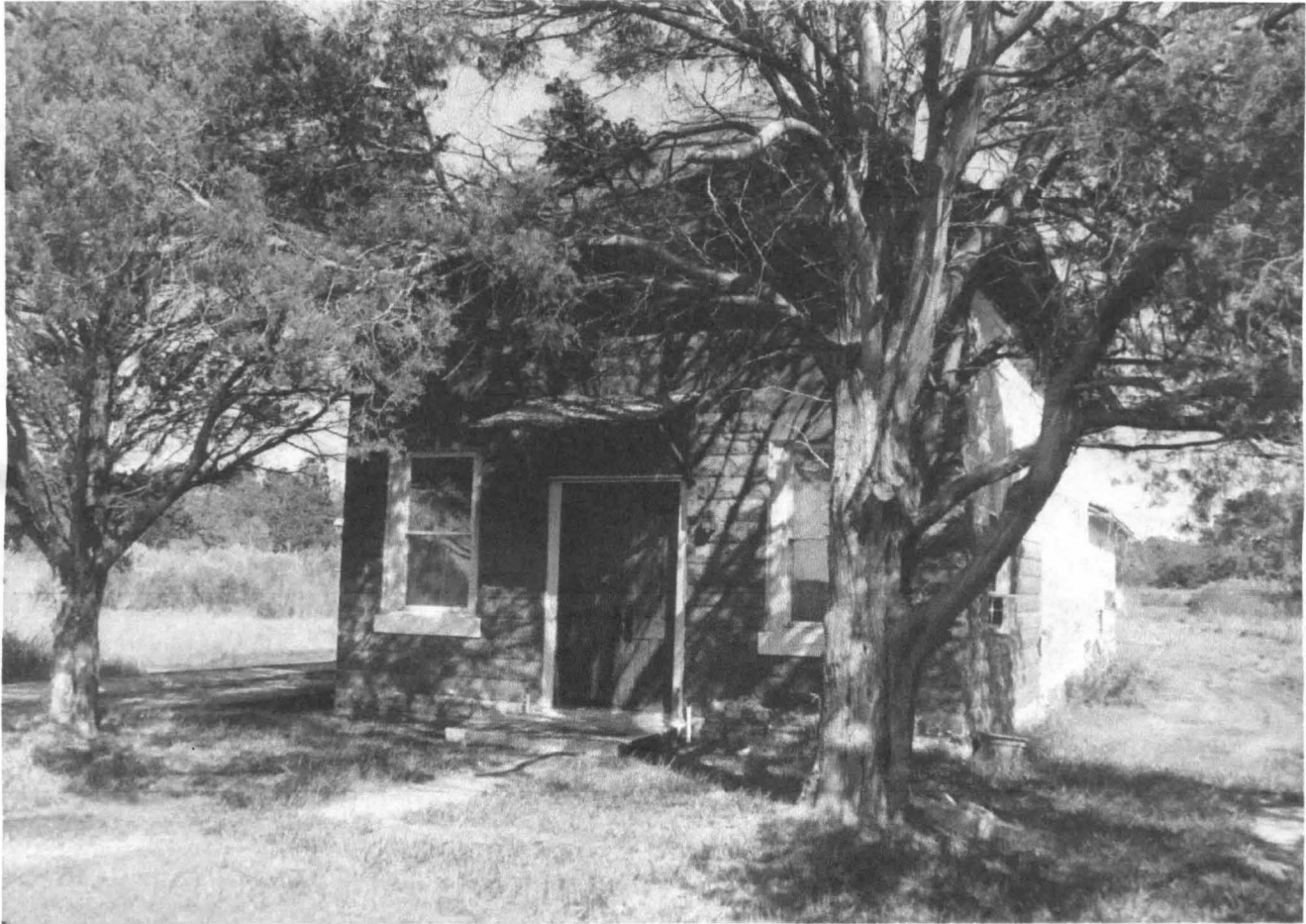
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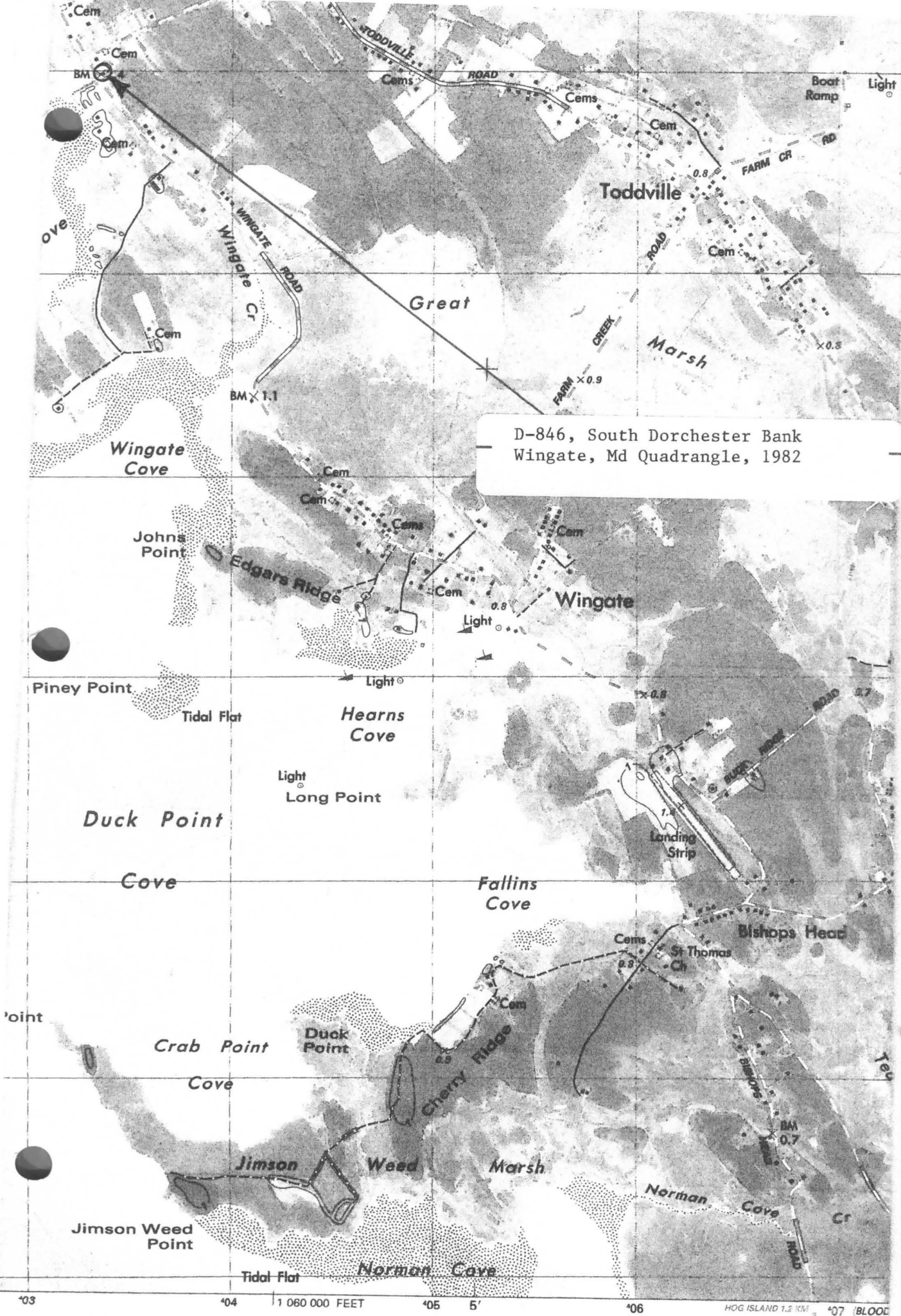
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WINGATE, DORCHESTER Co., MD.
SOUTH ELEVATION

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SOUTH DORCHESTER BANK
WINDHATE, DORCHESTER CO. MD.
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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Winhate, Dorchester Co. MD.
Southwest Elevation

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